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ORdered by the Lords Assembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance for Indempnity be forthwith printed and published.

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THe Lords and Commons taking notice, That divers well-affected persons have beene sued, indicted, prosecuted, or molested, and others are likely to be sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested for such acts and things which they have

acted and done by authority of this present Parliament, or for the service and benefit thereof during these late Warres and Troubles, doe hereby Ordaine and Declare, and be it by authority of Parliament Ordained and Declared, That no person or persons whatsoever, who have since the beginning of this present Parliament acted or done, or commanded to be acted or done, any act or thing whatsoever by authority of this present Parliament, or for the service or benefit thereof, by Sea or by Land, ought to be sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested for the same; and that every such person or persons whatsoever are and shall be hereby fully acquitted and discharged of all Actions, Suits, Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, Judgements, Executions, and Molestations whatsoever, for or concerning the same; and all Judges, Justices, Sheriffes, Mayors, Bailiffes, Jurors, Officers, and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, are hereby required to take notice thereof, and duly to observe the same.

And for the ease of all such persons who are or shall be Sued, Indicted, Prosecuted or Molested for any such Act or Thing as is aforesaid, It is hereby Declared and Ordained, That in every Action, Suit, Indictment, Information, or Prosecution whatsoever, wherein or whereby they shall bee so sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested as is aforesaid, contrary to this Ordinance, It shall be lawfull to and for all persons aforesaid, their Heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, to plead the generall issue, that they are not guilty, or any other generall issue, as the case shall require, and shall and may give in evidence

evidence to the Jury that ſhall try the ſame, That the matter in queſtion was an act or thing acted or done, or commanded to be acted or done by authority of this preſent Parliament, or for the ſervice or benefit thereof; which Evidence being proved, ſhall be admitted and allowed by the reſpective Judges, Judge, or Juſtice, or Juſtices & Jury before whom it ſhall be tried, as ſufficient to maintaine the ſaid generall iſſue: And if the Verdict ſhall paſſe, with the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Suit, as is aforeſaid, or the Plaintiffe or Plaintiffs ſhall be nonſuit therein, or ſuffer any diſcontinuance thereof, the reſpective Judges or Juſtices ſhall award unto the ſaid Defendant or Defendants treble coſts, for which the ſaid Defendant or Defendants ſhall have the like remedy, as in the like Caſes they ought to have by the Lawes of this Realme: And what any Judges, Juſtices, Sheriffes, Mayors, Bayliffes, Jurors, Officers and Miniſters of Juſtice ſhall doe according to this Ordinance, or in purſuance thereof, they ſhall be juſtified and ſaved harmeleſſe by Authority of Parliament for and concerning the ſame.

And becauſe ſuch perſons who have acted or commanded to be acted or done any ſuch act or thing, as is aforeſaid, may be poore, and not able to defend a Suit at Common Law, or may finde themſelves agrieved in the proceedings thereof; now for a further and certaine relieſe of all ſuch perſons, It is hereby Ordained and Declared by the Authority aforeſaid, That any ſuch perſons ſo ſued, indicted, proſecuted, or moleſted, as is aforeſaid, may at any time hereafter, when and as often as they ſhalbe ſued

indicted, prosecuted or molested for any such act or thing, as is aforesaid, either before or after a tryall at the Common Law, make their complaint to

ALgernon Earle of *Northumberland*, *Henry* Earle of *Kent*, *John* Earle of *Rutland*, *Philip* Earle of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, *Theophilus* Earle of *Lincolne*, *Charles* Earle of *Nottingham*, *James* Earle of *Suffolke*, *William* Earle of *Salisbury*, *Robert* Earle of *Warwicke*, *Bazill* Earle of *Denbigh*, *James* Earle of *Middlesex*, *Edward* Earle of *Manchester*, *Edmond* Earle of *Mulgrave*, *Henry* Earle of *Stamford*, *Walter* Lord Viscount *Hereford*, *William* Lord Viscount *Say* and *Seale*, *Charles* Lord *De-la-War*, *George* Lord *Berkley*, *Philip* Lord *Wharton*, *Francis* Lord *Willoughby*, *Dudley* Lord *North*, *John* Lord *Humsdon*, *William* Lord *Grey* of *Warke*, *John* Lord *Robartes*, *Edward* Lord *Howard* of *Esc.* *Thomas* Lord *Bruce*, Members of the House of Peeres.

Master *Holles*, Colonell *Birch*, Master *Swynfen*, Master *Maynard*, Master *Bois*, Colonell *Purefoy*, Colonell *Harvey*, Master Recorder, Master Solicitor, Sir *Philip Stapleton*, Colonell *Morley*, Sir *William Allenson*, Colonell *Massey*, Master *Whitlock*, Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*, Sir *William Waller*, Master *Edwards*, Master *Challener*, Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell*, Master *Tate*, Sir *William Massam*, Sir *Samuel Luke*, Master *Lisle*, Field Marshall *Skippon*, Master *Francis Allen*, Colonell *Walton*, Master *Rigby*, Sir *John Maynard*, Master *Selden*, Master *Gott*, Sir *William Brereton*, Master *Grimston*, Master *Darley*, Master *Dove*, Sir *John Bampfield*, Lord *Monson*, Sir *Michael Lovesey*, Sir *Thomas Wentworth*, Sir *Arthur Haslrig*, Master

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Rainton, Master *Nicholas*, Master *Weaver*, Master *Nathaniel Fiennes*, Colonell *Ramsborough*, Major *Harrison*, Master *Walter Long*, Master *Hallowes*, Master *Myles Corbet*, Colonell *Tompson*, Master *Drake*, Sir *Thomas Middleton*, Master *William Pierpoint*, Members of the House of Commons, or any five of them, who are hereby constituted a Committee of Parliament, for the relieſe of all ſuch perſons, in ſuch caſes as is aforeſaid. And the ſaid Committee, or any five of them, are hereby authorized and required, to receive, heare, and determine, ſuch aforeſaid Complaints; and to that end to examine Witneſſes upon Oath; and to commit to ſafe cuſtody (if they ſhall ſee cauſe) all ſuch perſon or perſons, who ſhall ſo ſue, indict, proſecute, or moleſt, any perſon or perſons whatſoever, for acting, or doing any ſuch Act or thing, as is aforeſaid: And alſo to order and award to every ſuch perſon or perſons ſo ſued, indicted, proſecuted, or moleſted, treble ſo much as they ſhall make appeare to the ſaid Committee, that they have been damnified by any ſuch Suit, Indictment, Proſecution, or Moleſtation, as is aforeſaid, if they have not before recovered the ſame by the proceedings at Common Law, according to this Ordinance. And that when the ſaid Committee, or any five of them, ſhall have made any Order or Award, in ſuch aforeſaid caſes reſpectively, that the ſaid perſon or perſons ought not to be ſued, indicted, proſecuted, or moleſted, for ſuch Act or thing reſpectively, then upon ſhewing the ſaid Order or Award to the Solicitors, Atturnies, or Counſellors of the party or parties ſo ſuing, indicting, proſecuting,

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or molesting, as is aforesaid, the said Solicitors, Attornies, and Counsellors, shall presently forbeare to prosecute, or assist, counsell, or advise the said Party or Parties to sue, indict, or prosecute any further, for such Act or thing respectively: And that if thereupon, they shall not forbeare so to do, the said Committee, or any five of them, are hereby authorized and required, to commit to safe custody any such Solicitors, Attornies, or Counsellors, so offending as is aforesaid, if they shall see cause.

Provided alwaies that this Ordinance, nor any thing herein contained, shall not extend to discharge any such person or persons aforesaid, who have acted, or done, or commanded to be acted or done, any Act or thing by Authority of this present Parliament, or for the service or benefit thereof, from making their true and just Accompts to any Commissioners or Committee of Parliament, appointed or to be appointed for that purpose, of what they have taken, received, or had, for the Service and benefit of the Parliament, as is aforesaid.

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